

- (1) Ten members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to include:
  - a. Seven members of the House of Representatives.
  - b. Three members of the general public, including persons with expertise in the fields of business and economic development, public health, and affordable housing.
- (2) Ten members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, to include:
  - a. Seven members of the Senate.
  - b. Three members of the general public, including persons with expertise in the fields of education, public safety, and child welfare.

**SECTION 41.3.** The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may by mutual agreement vary the size and membership of the Commission.

**SECTION 41.4.** The Commission shall also include the following nonvoting, ex-officio members:

- (1) The Commissioner of Labor, or that officer's designee.
- (2) The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or that officer's designee.
- (3) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, or that officer's designee.
- (4) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation, or that officer's designee.
- (5) The Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, or that officer's designee.
- (6) The Secretary of the Department of Commerce, or that officer's designee.
- (7) The Chairman of the Employment Security Commission, or that officer's designee.

**SECTION 41.5.** The Commission shall:

- (1) Study and develop a coordinated, integrated approach to poverty reduction and economic recovery across the State.
- (2) Examine poverty in each region of the State with an emphasis on the following counties: Alleghany, Avery, Bladen, Columbus, Edgecombe, Graham, Halifax, Hoke, Northampton, Robeson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Warren, Watauga, and Yancey.
- (3) Examine other states' evidenced-based intervention methods and best practices in poverty reduction and economic recovery.
- (4) Study any other matter pertinent to poverty reduction and economic recovery in North Carolina.

**SECTION 41.6.** The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each appoint a cochair for the Commission. The Commission may contract for consultant services as provided by G.S. 120-32.02. Upon approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist in the work of the Commission. Clerical staff shall be furnished to the Commission through the offices of the House of Representatives and the Senate Directors of Legislative Assistants. The Commission may meet in the Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building upon the approval of the Legislative Services Commission. Members of the Commission shall